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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the school start date and including
- 2 effective date provisions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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      Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2019, is
 2 amended to read as follows:
          The school year for each school district and accredited
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 4 nonpublic school shall begin on July 1 and the school calendar
 5 shall begin no sooner than the Monday following the last day on
 6 which the annual fair and exhibition is held by the Iowa state
 7 fair board pursuant to chapter 173, or August 23, whichever is
 8 earlier, and no later than the first Monday in December.
 9 school calendar shall include not less than one hundred eighty
10 days or one thousand eighty hours of instruction during the
11 calendar year. The board of directors of a school district and
12 the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school
13 shall determine the school start date for the school calendar
14 in accordance with this subsection and shall set the number
15 of days or hours of required attendance for the school year
16 as provided in section 299.1, subsection 2, but the board of
17 directors of a school district shall hold a public hearing
18 on any proposed school calendar prior to adopting the school
19 calendar. If the board of directors of a district or the
20 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school extends
21 the school calendar because inclement weather caused the school
22 district or accredited nonpublic school to temporarily close
23 during the regular school calendar, the school district or
24 accredited nonpublic school may excuse a graduating senior
25 who has met district or school requirements for graduation
26 from attendance during the extended school calendar.
27 corporation may begin employment of personnel for in-service
28 training and development purposes before the date to begin
29 elementary and secondary school.
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               EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
      Sec. 2.
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32 EXPLANATION

31 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill provides that a school district or accredited

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- 1 nonpublic school cannot begin its school calendar prior to the
- 2 Monday following the last day of the state fair or August 23,
- 3 whichever is earlier.
- 4 Currently, August 23 is the earliest school start date
- 5 allowed.
- 6 The bill takes effect upon enactment.